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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
COVER LETTER SUBMITTING AMENDED PAGES OF APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of the International Publication No. WO2005/08455 A1, which includes three pages of amended claims (new claims 1-17) received at the International Office on October 20, 2005 in the German language to replace original claims 1-21. An English language translation of these pages of amended claims 1-17 is also attached.

Based upon the submission the three pages of amended claims 1-17, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of the application amended claims 1-17, in place of originally filed claims 1-21 as originally filed.

Additionally, prior to the examination of the above-identified application including revised claims 1-17, amendment of the claims to remove multiple dependent claims is requested.

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification, claims, and Abstract as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Preliminary Amendment.